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Earth Day, such a simple name for a holiday that, in my opinion, could change the world. The reason being, it encourages us to help out our home sweet home named Earth by picking up garbage, planting trees, and helping out the other flora of our Earth. Why do you care so much about Earth day? I care about Earth day because, as I said earlier, this holiday is encouraging people to help out the place I love, the place I thrive, and the place I live. You might be thinking I mean Earth well yes Earth is my home, but I mean Vermont. The reason I hold Vermont so dear is because of its clear skies that you can gaze at at night and see thousands of stars dancing above you so gracefully; I also love it for its calming streams where my sister and I could wander for hours looking for frogs and other life forms, and I especially love it for its beautiful mountains where I could snowboard for hours or hike for days depending on the time of year. Vermont is my beautiful clean home and Earth day keeps it that way because during this day everyone pitches in and picks up the garbage so I can run free and play in the streams without my mother worrying about us getting hurt, the day that they plant trees so I can breath in the wild air, and the day were we can all say thank you to the Earth for providing us these things. What do you think we should do to continue to keep our home this way? I think we should continue doing what we're doing but I think people should be more aware of how their actions could/are affect(ing) the environment and how it's affecting people and places. For instance people aren't aware that if they litter or dump their garbage somewhere because they don't want to pay a garbage bill they might be putting toxic chemicals into the environment such as Windex and other cleaning products. How could this affect the environment? By putting toxic chemicals into the environment it could harm the trees, the soil making it unable to support life, and it might harm animals as well because they might think the garbage is food so they might go over to it and start consuming it which is not good for them and can kill them. Also, if people throw their garbage somewhere it might end up in a body of water, either a river, stream, lake, or pond, and if it does end up in a body of water it can and will pollute the water making the fish unable to live in it, making fishermen/woman not able to fish in it, and making our clean fresh water supply smaller. Now that we have covered the basis of how people's unclean actions can harm the environment I now want to touch base on how it affects people. For starters, if more and more animals start eating garbage it might bring down their population and that decrease in animal population is not good because imagine if pollution was bringing down the population of deer and that's someone's only source of food then they have an issue because now they have no

more food. Second of all, if a main source of water gets polluted that water source is now not unusable and water is one of the most important resources in the world and if the water source is gone we have a big issue that could harm many people if not solved. Last of all, people are cutting down more and more trees and this is an issue seeing that there is co2 production in this day in time because there are more cars, more people, and more factories so if we are killing more trees instead of planting them and adding more co2 than global warming will start becoming a bigger issue. Why will global warming start to become a bigger issue? Global warming will start to become a bigger issue because trees absorb co2 and release oxygen which is a very vital role in the world because co2 kind of makes a blanket around the Earth that barely lets any heat out and if that heat is not let out it will start melting everything including the Polar icecaps and if those melt there will be a huge flood and as we could clearly imagine this will be devastating event.

(P.S Thank you for looking at my Earth Day essay. I hope you liked it.)